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**FROM COLONEL ADAM STEPHEN.**

WINCHESTR. Novr. 29th. 1755

SIR,

The Commissary<sup>1</sup> has arrived, and I suppose You will learn a State of his Affairs by his Letter. I was as Active as I could be, in hurrying up Salt. I would have been at Fort Cumberland two days ago, but have been employd in the disagreeable Service of Apprehending Deserters—Four, out of a gang of 20 Banditti, all with Arms and ammunition, are apprehended, We are in hot pursuit of the rest through Augusta. Please to Send me Up the late Act in order we may know how to proceed to Examples—Broadaxes are wanted, narrow axes I have been obligd to order some to be made.—I expected the pleasure of receiving yr Commands before this time, Jenkins left this place yesterday Se'en night.—I found the Stores at Walkins Ferry ill accommodated, and ordered over the Flour in Maryland Side.—Lt. McManus is gone to Carolina.—Nothing remarkable on this Quarter, but Desertion, which shall be Quash'd as much as lies in our power.—and all diligence used in apprehending them.

I am with respect, Sir, Your most obn. huble Servt. ADAM STEPHEN

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N B. Mr. Boyd was sick, which obligd me to send Ensign Gordon with two months pay  
To the Commander of Fort Dinwiddie<sup>2</sup> Where was Deheysen orderd to Recruit I cannot  
approve the Conduct of that Young Man —

1 Thomas Walker.

2aptain Peter Hog.